

Old Kia Kima News



Progress on Girl Scout Utilization for 2003

By Frederick Deen

During the last few weeks we have been making significant progress on extending our Camp Utilization to Girl Scouts of the USA. We have taken action on two fronts.

First, we have asked Pat Moody, of Memphis, TN to join our Facilities Utilization Committee. Pat is actively involved with the Memphis GSA Council on their Camping Committee. She also assisted the Utilization Committee by providing information to support our motion at our April Board of Directors meeting to extend utilization to the GSA. Pat will be a great asset to the committee and will provide us with a much needed perspective on the Girl Scout organization.

Secondly, on July 4th members of the Utilization Committee (Fred Deen, Jim Moore) met with Annetta Sharp,

NOARK GSA Council Membership Specialist for the three Arkansas counties closest to Old Kia Kima (Sharp, Izard, and Fulton) to further pursue the use of Old Kia Kima by Girl Scout Troops. We began with a tour of the Old Kia Kima facilities and it was immediately obvious that Annetta was thoroughly impressed with our camp. She continued to praise what we had done with our restoration. She further commented that our camp was much closer than the NOARK GSA Council Camp which is located over 150 miles away in North-western Arkansas.

After the tour, Jim and I sat down with Annetta to review the reservation procedures that we have been using for the BSA. It came as no surprise that the GSA has equal or more stringent requirements. Annetta was most helpful in

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providing us with GSA forms that correspond to those we have been using for the BSA Troops; e.g., Tour Permit, Medical Forms, etc. I will be modifying our registration process to reflect the inclusion of the GSA Troops, and Neal will be updating our website www.oldkiakima.org during this month.

“Tell Me Why”

By **Jim Moore**

As we approach our seventh annual OKKPA reunion this September, I have been doing a lot of thinking about what Old Kia Kima means to me, and have decided to try and share my thoughts with you in this newsletter. It's never been easy to express what has drawn me back to this magical place of my youth after all these years. Perhaps the answers lie in the questions - in looking for the answers, it seems I always get caught up in the overlapping loops of the "why" questions.

To answer the question that I hear so often, "Tell me Why Old Kia Kima means so much to you", consider the story of a wide eyed and unsure young boy from South Memphis who, in 1955, barely managed to qualify for non-swimmer his first year at Camp. What did he get out of the Old Kia Kima experience that was sorely missing from his environment "back home"? What kept him coming back as a Camper for the next four years where he not only learned to swim, but earned Swimming, Lifesaving, Rowing, and Canoeing the hard way - the Old Kia Kima way? Why did he join the Waterfront Staff in 1959 and keep coming back in '60, '61, and '62 earning Scout Lifeguard and Eagle Scout along the way, and attending National Aquatic School the year he became Waterfront Director in '62? Why did he come back as Program Director in the summer of '63 attending National Camping School just prior to his junior year in college? Why did he consider, and come very close to choosing a career in Professional Scouting? In short, where would he be today absent these experiences and the life lessons learned at Old Kia Kima?

The answer is that Old Kia Kima represented a huge chunk of his life in this time frame I have just outlined - almost half to be exact, and I can tell you that therein lies much of the answer. I was that young boy. The experiences and leadership training I received at Old Kia Kima changed my life, shaped my life, and gave me the confidence to do more with my life than I ever dreamed possible. They gave me confidence, built self esteem, taught integrity, and fostered the values of the 12 points of the Scout law. I am still in awe of what OKK and Scouting did for me, and I believe that the answer to why I kept coming back, and why this Camp means so much to me today is squarely affixed between the following two points. Old Kia Kima provided the enriched environment that helped young boys grow into young men, and the Scouting program stretched over the enriching outdoor experiences of the Camp is what turned tentative young boys into a confident young men.

Like you, I kept coming back, even as I do today, because the experience we call Old Kia Kima filled a need in my life then, just as it continues to do today. Now it is our turn and our responsibility to give back to others some of what we took away from these experiences so many years ago. That is the important work that is now before OKKPA, and we continue to need your help to be successful.

Friendships, then and now, were always a very important part of why Old Kia Kima meant so much to me, and I am blessed with the opportunity to work side by side with life long friends in the work we have done in restoring and preserving the Camp. Our dedication and commitment to this cause has paid off. Once again we can offer the enriching experiences, using the restored facilities and the "Spirit" of our Camp as a backdrop to turn young boys and girls into confident young men and women. Yes, Old Kia Kima is a magical place, but back then, just as it does today, it takes more than just the land and the facilities, it takes the fabric of the programs such as those offered by the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts to once again breathe life into what we have come to call the Spirit of Old Kia Kima.

We now have a years experience as of April 2003 with our facilities being open to Boy Scout Troops, and we continue to seek ways to expand the usage of the Camp by this group that is so intertwined with the Spirit and Heritage of Old Kia Kima. At the April meeting, your Board of Directors voted to expand the offering of our facilities to now include Girl Scouts. The values of both these organizations are closely aligned, and to a very large extent, the history of Old Kia Kima and Old Camp Kiwanis are also intertwined. I invite all OKKPA members and friends to pull together to support the work of OKKPA in enriching the lives of the young people in these two very deserving youth organizations. Their success is ultimately our success for we share the same youth leadership goals. We cannot be successful in what we are hopeful of accomplishing unless we help them be successful in the implementation of their great programs for those young men and women who will be the leaders of our next generation.

Now if that is not reason enough, and an answer to all the "why" questions, join me in humming the words to the Old Kia Kima version of "Tell Me Why", and I believe we will have captured the total reasons for our very special feelings about this very special place, "High above the South Fork waters....".



TROOP 14, BSA BARTLETT, TENNESSEE

Gene Bradberry's Troop 14 came to Old Kia Kima over the May 30 thru June 1 weekend. They used Old Kia Kima not only as a camping destination but as a site to "get away" and plan their next year's activities.

Their seven adult leaders brought eleven boys for the trip. They were :

Scouts - Jon Perrault, Andres Tellez, Dominec "Jethro" Toaramina, Joseph "JoMama" Dickerson III, Jared Mabe. James Shuster, Aaron Rowland, David Kelly, Mathew McKnight, Daniel McKnight and Paul Wright

Adult Leaders - Michael Perrault, Howard Shuster, Ken Wright, Keith McKnight, Robert Kelley, Michael Mabe and Joseph Dickerson II

TOTEM POLES



by **Jim Ettman**

Totem poles were important elements in the cultures of most early American native civilizations. With some groups, especially in the Pacific Northwest, Totem poles are still an important part of their heritage.

I am sure most of us have in mind what we think they should look like when we speak of them... a pole carved with stylized animal heads stacked one upon the other. In practice, however, Totem poles took many shapes, sizes and form. They could be the support for a roof... a decorative figurehead... a canoe paddle... a coffin. They were and still are made from a wide variety of materials including wood, bone, shells, stones, hide and other animal parts and paints. In essence they are a true art form... limited only by the imagination of the maker.

Although the stacked stylized animal forms have roots in American Indian ethnology the significance Totem poles have in the life of the peoples who erect them or their translation is not clear. Some believe they are representations of the "Spirits" that guide and watch over the owners. Others

feel they are historic recordings much like our history books. Still others believe the significance of a Totem is known only to the maker.

For those who attended last year's reunion campfire will recall the placement of two totem poles at the campfire amphitheatre. One depicts the history of Old Kia Kima in finely carved figures. The second is a stylized "Totem Tree" that has no translation except for the meaning that each person viewing it wants to give it. Its bare branches are to be decorated with small tokens left by those who have taken time to walk the hallowed ground of Old Kia Kima.

During The reunion's Saturday night campfire each person will have the opportunity to add their individual totem to the "totem tree". It can be a feather... a stone... a strip of cloth or lock of hair... anything you wish. The meaning of the totem you leave will be known only to you... you speak of it to no one. In future years you will see your Totem still there... keeping alive the meaning you have given it.

www.oldkiakima.org

There are some exciting new changes being made to the website by your web committee.

To make it much more convenient to pay your dues and register for future reunions, etc. we will be using "PayPal" to accept credit cards. This is a completely secure manner to submit dues, donations, and registration fees. We are even discussing making the mugs, t-shirts, and other Old Kia Kima memorabilia available on line.

In the future various forms, like the reunion registration form, will not only be available to print out but may be submitted electronically.

Jim Ettman has suggested an excellent idea, to make

a section for up to the minute news. This means that if you check in daily or weekly you will be able to keep up with all the latest news about the camp as well as what else may be going on.

More pictures of the old camp as well as of present events are being gathered for a new photo gallery. This means you can share your best pictures with the world and they can even be downloaded.

If you have a suggestion for an addition or change for our website, please go to the site and e-mail the webmaster.

webmaster@oldkiakima.org

Old Kia Kima Works with KKSR

By Frederick Deen

Through the good works of Dan McGuire, OKKPA has reaffirmed its relationship with Kia Kima Scout Reservation. While Dan was at KKSR for Waterfront Certification, he spoke with Peter Abell, KKSR Camp Director. KKSR inquired about using Old Kia Kima for a Venture Scout Troop, from Plano, TX for the week of June 15-21. After a flurry of emails and phone conversations OKKPA was able to confirm Peter Abell's request. Bobby Harriss, on very short notice, helped us out as our Volunteer Camp Ranger. For that week we had 30 Scouts, Leaders, and KKSR Staff members using Old Kia Kima as a base camp for their high adventure treks, canoe trips, rock climbing, etc.

A second group of 13 from Bellevue, Nebraska quickly followed the next week. We have a third and final group for this season

scheduled for the week of July 13-19.

Bobby Harriss indicated the Venture Scouts are very low maintenance and have a very fluid program, so a full time Volunteer Ranger on-site has not been necessary. KKSR Staff member Chris Carter has been in charge of the Scouts and Bobby reports that each of the groups have been great kids and easy to work with. It's worth mentioning that a great deal of OKKPA shirts, caps, and patches, purchased by the Scouts, are now being worn in far away places.

Angus Emerson has volunteered to be our Volunteer Camp Ranger for an Illinois group July 13-19. Thanks go out to Dan McGuire, Bobby Harriss, and Angus Emerson for making the connection with KKSR a great success.

“Scouting is a chance to let a boy be a boy in his boyhood, to get away from the Algebra and the English for awhile. I love Scouting and I love working with boys. I feel the Lord led me into Scouting. It is my testimony”.

Buddy Irwin, Scoutmaster of Troop Ole 97

Camp Security

Last year the Executive board voted to protect our beloved Old Kia Kima by having a state of the art electronic fire and burglary alarm system installed throughout the camp.

Tom Morris, owner of All-Guard Security, Inc., was a camper for one week in the early '50s. He was so impressed with camp that he has returned for two of our reunions. Tom says that he can still remember, from his childhood, "Poncho", Phil Adams, singing "Grandma's Lye Soap". And how could he forget "The Rat Story".

Tom offered to install an alarm at his cost plus shipping. This was a savings of thousands of dollars for Old Kia Kima. The alarm will actually pay for itself because of savings on the amount we pay for insurance.

Tom came up in April during the Board

meeting along with a friend and his installation manager. They spent three days putting in all of the components and controls needed. Tom then returned in two weeks to add a couple of components and to check out the system to be sure that it was working as desired. He was accompanied this time by his friend and the owner of a competing alarm company. There was no charge to us for either installation trip. All-Guard also generously monitors the system around the clock at no charge.

We are now protected from burglaries, vandalism and fire and can tell not only if the camp is opened, but who has turned off the alarm.

If you happen to meet Tom in Memphis or at the reunion, you might tell him how much we appreciate his kind donation to our peace of mind.

Old Kia Kima Camp Directors

1948 –1963

1948 – 1950 Tweed Johnson

1951 - 1952 Thurman Frasure

1953 Bob Lundquist

1954 - 1956 Ralph Young

1957 Pete Peters

1958 - 1963 Ralph Young

Note: Camp re-opened in 1948 after WW II and closed at the end of 1963 following the sale of Old Kia Kima and the start of KKSR in 1964.

A youth will inherit your world. All your work will be judged by them. Tomorrow they will take your seat in congress, own your company, run your town. The future is theirs, and through them the future is yours. Perhaps they deserve a little more of your attention now.

“A boy is a bank where you may deposit your most precious treasures - the hard won wisdom, the dreams of a better world. A boy can guard and protect these, and perhaps invest them wisely and win a profit; a profit larger than you ever dreamed.”

Bob Hurt, Scoutmaster of Troop 35

A Message From The 7th Annual Reunion Chairman

Hello to all of you who are a part of Old Kia Kima.

I want to introduce myself to the ones of you who do not know who I am. My name is Martha Young Gunter and I am your 2003 Reunion Chairman.

Yes I am the rug rat that tantalized all of you during summer camp who followed my dad around like a lost puppy and who would tie knots, shimmy up the pole to ring the bell and walk around camp without a flashlight. I am Padre's oldest daughter (but you can't call me old because I am younger than you).

I want to see all the old faces now that have not been to camp to see all the good restoration projects that have occurred at our camp. We have a lot of activities planned this year and we want everyone to have fun and take themselves back to the good ole days as you all refer to them and be a kid again. We are going to play horseshoes, cards, canoe, play golf, and have our first bowling tournament this year. You can horseback, swim in the pool at Spring River Beach Club and play putt putt and use their paddle boats on the Kiwani Lake. We have

been given the opportunity to have a weekend membership pass given to each person to take advantage of their facilities for a small fee.

I want to see new faces along with the returnees and make this the best reunion ever.

We eat until we can't eat anymore and we have fun until we are exhausted in our beds. The campfire will be picking and grinning with Rich Schmid heading up the entertainment. I hope to have a land and water carnival also.

If any one has any idea of an activity or a concern or a need for the Reunion please contact a board member or you can contact me through the website. Don't let this reunion go by and not be a part of all the fun. I challenge all who have been there before contact at least one formal scouter or camper male or female that had a part in the Kia Kima history or Kiwani or Camp Merameechee. See you in September.

Martha Gunter
2003 Reunion Chairman

Dues, Donations and Fees

Dues October 1, 2003 thru September 30, 2004 \$25, \$50 or \$100	Wives Luncheon	\$13 / Person
Reunion Registration \$20 / Person (under 18 years free - Spouse free)	Cold Cut Lunch ((Friday)	\$5 / Person
Cabin Up-keep Donation & Stay \$50 / Person (male members only)	Hot Dog Lunch (Saturday)	\$5 / Person
Golf Tournament Fee \$30 / Person (\$40 with Cart)	Bowling	\$10 / Person
Canoe Trip \$10 / Person	Bar—B—Q	\$7 / Person
Banquet \$16 / Person	Ice Cream Social	\$5 / Person
King Katfish \$8 / Person	Choice 1 ice cream, pie or cake, drink	
	Choice 2 banana split, drink	
	Choice 3 milk shake, drink	



Reunion Schedule

Thur. Sept. 18, 2003

- Breakfast on your own
- 9am Registration begins at Old Kia Kima (Camp Office)
- Noon Golf Tournament at Cherokee Village South Golf Course (tee off time is noon)
- 6:00 pm Dinner at King Katfish
- 7:45 pm Vespers (Location to be Announced)
- 8:30 pm Ice Cream Social at Hardy Malt Shop

Fri. Sept. 19, 2003

- Breakfast - on your own
- 8 am Depart for Canoe Trip (River to be Announced)
- 9 am Registration continues at Old Kia Kima (camp office)
- 10am Free Time (coffee at the pavilion)
- Noon Cold Cut luncheon at Old Kia Kima
- 1 pm Land Carnival at Old Kia Kima (Pitching horseshoes, washers, card games, & Bingo)
- 4 pm Cabin Dedication at Old Kia Kima
- 6:30 pm Social Hour Arkansas Traveler
- 7 pm Banquet -- Arkansas Traveler

Sat. Sept. 20, 2003

- Breakfast - on your own
- 9 am Registration continues at Old Kia Kima (camp office)
- 10:30 Coffee at cooking
- Noon Hot Dog cook out at Old Kia Kima cooking pavilion for Old Kia Kima Preservation Association members and guests
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- also at noon wives luncheon at Olde Stonehouse Inn in Hardy
- *****
- 2 pm Bowling Tournament at Indian Hills Bowling Alley
- 4 pm OKKPA Annual Business Meeting at the Meeting & Dining Pavilion
- 6 pm Famous Bubba BBQ at Old Kia Kima { 9 }
- 8:30pm Campfire at Old Kia Kima's Campfire Ring

Sunday Sept. 21, 2003

- 7:45 am Vespers at Cedar Bluff
- 9 am Farewell breakfast at Timberline Cafe



Angus Emerson

Angus has volunteered to give a Nature & Bird Study Program that would include Tree and Wild Flower identification to groups at Old Kia Kima.

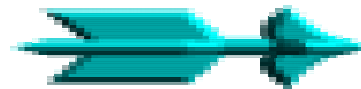
Notice of Annual Business Meeting

Old Kia Kima General Membership Meeting

4:00 PM Saturday Sept. 20, 2003
At the Group Dining and Meeting Pavilion

Planning to attend the Reunion September 18 - 21?

**PLEASE
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Then fill it out and mail it with your check
by August 24

An electronic form can also be found on our WEBSITE

www.oldkiakima.org

OLD KIA KIMA PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION, Inc.
 Sept. 18-21, 2003 Annual Reunion and Membership Meeting

Please Photo copy this form and fill it in to register and / or pay dues

Name _____ Nick Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph () - Work Ph () - Cellular () -

Fax () - E-Mail _____

DUES (Please circle the level you wish to pay) \$25 \$50 \$100 (Dues year Oct 1—Sept 30)

Pre-payment of Dues required to participate in the one hour Business meeting on Sept. 20th

WILL YOU ATTEND THE REUNION ? YES NO (If YES include \$20 Registration fee)

Will you be staying in a cabin ? YES NO (If yes include \$50 "cabin upkeep donation" per person)

Make reservations for _____ & _____

Cabins are not co-ed appropriate. They are restricted to male members, & the availability is limited to 4 to a cabin, 64 bunks total. — My Cabin Preference _____

Requested cabin mates _____

(Although we can't guarentee, we will try to honor all request)

Will your spouse be attending YES NO Your wife's first name _____

Do you plan to play in the OKKPA Golf Tournament ? YES NO Your handicap _____

Will your spouse play ? YES NO Handicap _____ \$30 per person

\$40 includes cart

Will you go on the Friday Canoe Trip ? YES NO will your spouse go ? YES NO

How many of your children over 10 and under 18 will go ? _____ (over 18 must register seperately)

(Please include \$10 per person -in advance- in order to assure availability for our group reservtions)

Will you be attending the Friday night Banquet ? YES NO How many will attend with you ? _____

(Please include \$16 for each person)

Registration Fee \$20.00

Canoe Trip \$10 per person

Dues \$25 \$50 \$100 _____

Banquet \$16 per person _____

Cabin - \$50 per person _____

Check or Money order # _____

Golf Tournament - \$30/40 /person _____

Name on check _____

Please make Check to OKKPA, Inc.
 And mail with this form to:

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Sept 18—21, 2003

**At
OLD KIA KIMA**

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**Julia Hope Hall
1910 — 2003**

Julia Hope Hall was born in rural Kansas on July 3, 1910, She graduated from Central High School. "Miss Julia" earned her college degree in physical education in 1931 from George Peabody College

The Kamp Kiwani experience for "Miss Julia" began in about 1924 when she was a camper She became a staff member in 1927. Her tenure continued until 1933.

. In January of 1939, she accepted an association with the YWCA as Teen Program Director. She performed in exemplary fashion, occupying this position until her retirement in 1970. Directing the YWCA's Camp Miramichee throughout those 30-plus summers was ideally suited to "Miss Hall's" talents.

Youngsters who grew up going to Hardy, Miramichee, Kiwani and Kia Kima still remember with great affection and nostalgia, "Miss Hall" and her immeasurable contributions to their lives.

"Miss Julia" was made an Honorary Director of Old Kia Kima Preservation Association 2002.